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Running of bus services by the Chamber of District Boards

* 139-K Q.—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state the reasons for rejecting the requests of the Chamber of District Boards during the year 1956 to run bus services in the districts?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI : There is no provision in the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939, under which the District Boards can be permitted to run bus service on a monopolistic basis and it is not advisable for district boards to undertake the enterprise of running bus service, as it will be difficult and financially risky for them to compete with private operators.

Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : சட்டத்திலே இடம் இல்லாவிட்டாலும் தகுந்தபடி மாற்றியமைக்கலாம். பண வசதியுள்ள முனிசிபாலிடிகள் பஸ் சர்வீஸ் நடத்துவதற்கு அனுமதி கேட்டால், சர்க்கார் ஏன் கொடுக்கக் கூடாது என்று கேட்கிறேன் ?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI : தனிப்பட்டவர்கள் பஸ் சர்வீஸ் நடத்திக்கொண்டிருக்கும்போது அவர்களுக்குப் போட்டியாக நகர சபைகள் நடத்தினால், நகரசபைக்கு அவ்வளவு லாபகரமாக இருக்காது என்று அரசாங்கம் கருதுகிறது.

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Is the Hon. the Minister aware that the Constitution has been recently amended permitting local bodies to run bus services on a monopoly basis to the exclusion of other private owners?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI : Notice, Sir.

Trifurcation of Malabar district

* 139-L Q.—Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned the trifurcation of the Malabar district for Revenue and Police purposes; and

(*b*) if so, the headquarters of these three proposed districts.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : There was a recent statement in the popular newspaper *Mathrubhoomi* that there was a proposal before the Travancore-Cochin and the Madras Governments to trifurcate the Malabar district and that various details were also furnished to them. May I know whether the Government are aware of this at all?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : There has not been any formal proposal made to us by the Travancore-Cochin Government for the trifurcation of Malabar. A casual mention was made about